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Dear Fazio Cup Participants,

Hurricane Katrina, the worst natural disaster in American history, destroyed the Mississippi Gulf Coast as we knew it and at times over the past two years the monumental task of recovery has seemed overwhelming. That task, while still huge, has been eased by the enormous generosity of your special golf event, The Fazio Cup, which raised funds to help the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast rebuild facilities so desperately needed for the well-being of young children.

Tom, I salute your leadership as Co-Chair of the Governor's Cup event and your \$1 million challenge contribution. I also applaud the players themselves who stepped up big-time, as did the event's major sponsors -- The Southern Company, Beau Rivage Resort, and the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Fund. With all of you working together you produced a total contribution of \$2.75 million for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, funds that will help tremendously in restoring a sense of happiness and healthiness among children who lost so much in the hurricane.

Please be assured that your willingness to provide this outstanding level of support on behalf of the children of Mississippi is deeply appreciated. You have certainly earned my respect and admiration.